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August 30, 2006

The Honorable Tom Coburn
United States Senate
Chairman Committee on
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
439 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Dr. John Bardo, the Director of the Education and Research Consortium of the Western Carolinas, Inc. Board, has asked that I prepare a response to your letter of July 27, 2006 concerning appropriations received and administered by the ERC.

Currently, appropriations received and administered by the ERC are sub-granted to over 30 colleges, universities and institutions in 8 different states for a variety of purposes. Each of our partner schools maintain a fair degree of autonomy in designing and implementing educational programs to carry out the various grants.

I am in the process of surveying our partner institutions concerning your requests and will provide a full response to your committee as soon as practicable.

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

John C. Hunter
Executive Director

JCH/all